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SRI V. M. SURENDRARAM : இந்த வருஷம் நீலகிரி ஜில்லாவில் 'லேட் பிளைட்' என்ற நோயால் விதைகள் இல்லாமல் போய்விட்டதால், அதிக விதைகளை இறக்குமதி செய்ய சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்யுமா?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: அதுபற்றி முயற்சி செய்யப்பட்டுவருகிறது.

Pick-pocket

* 277 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any instance of refusal to take charge of a pick-pocket by a Railway Police Constable, recently in the City of Madras, has been brought to the notice of the Government; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Railway Police Constable has been placed under suspension and departmental action against him is proceeding.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Was it under the wrong impression that it was not his duty that he refused to take charge?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : All that will be revealed in the course of the inquiries. We cannot go into what he was thinking and doing.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Are the Government aware that in a number of cases, even serious cases, the constable says that anything brought to his notice does not fall within his jurisdiction and asks the complainant to go to the next police station?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I may tell the hon. Member that the constable should take charge of the case if it is within his jurisdiction and that he has no powers to direct it to the wrong police station.

Thozhudur Police station

* 278 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJALU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a petition has been presented to the Chief Minister during his tour on 20th September 1960 by the villagers of Ramanathan of Vridhachalam taluk, South Arcot district, to change the name of Thozhudur Police station as Ramanathan Police station; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

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SRI M. ETHIRAJALU : *சார், 20—9—1960-ல் முதலமைச்சர் வந்தபோது, வரவேற்புப் பத்திரத்திலே பிரிண்ட் செய்து, அவர்களுடைய கோரிக்கையை ராமநத்தம் என்ற ஊர் பெயரிலுள்ள அந்த போலீஸ் ஸ்டேஷனை மாற்ற வேண்டுமென்று கேட்டிருந்தார்கள். அந்தப் போலீஸ் ஸ்டேஷன் ராமநத்தம் என்ற ஊரில்தான் இருக்கிறது. ஆகையால், கிராமத்தார் கோரிக்கைப் படி மாற்றுவதற்கு என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டது?*

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: *இருக்கிற பெயரை மாற்றினல், எத்தனையோ பிரச்னைகள் வரும்; கட்சி வரும்; ஆட்சேபனை வரும். முதன்மந்திரி அவர்கள் இதையெல்லாம் மாற்றுவது சரியல்லவென்று அங்கேயே சொல்லிவிட்டார்.*

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to announce to the House that I have received a message from the Governor of Madras recommending to the Legislative Council the consideration of the Madras Co-operative Societies Bill, 1961, as passed by the Legislative Assembly.

(2) MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have also to announce to the House that I have received messages from the Deputy Speaker, Legislative Assembly, transmitting copies of the following Bills as passed by the Assembly for the concurrence of the Council :—

1. The Madras Cultivating Tenants Protection and Payment of Fair Rent (Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 28 of 1961).

2. The Madras Tenants and Ryots Protection (Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 29 of 1961).

3. The Madras Cultivating Tenants Protection (Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 30 of 1961).

4. The Holdings (Stay of Execution Proceedings) (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 24 of 1961).

5. The Madras Pawnbrokers (Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 30 of 1960).

IV. CALLING ATTENTION TO THE DAMAGE CAUSED TO THE POTATO CROPS IN THE NILGIRIS DISTRICT BY THE LATE BLIGHT.

MR. CHAIRMAN : There is a notice given under rule 41 (1) of the Madras Council Rules by hon. Members Sri V. M. Surendra Ram and Sri T. Joghee Gowder. Both are on the same subject.